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For: **AN ELECTRIC MOTOR ASSEMBLY AND A METHOD OF ACTUATING AN ELECTRIC MOTOR**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees, please amend the claims as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Applicants have attached to this Amendment documents entitled "Amended Claims" and "Marked-up Copy of the Previous Claims". Please replace present claims 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16 and 17 in this application with amended claims 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16 and 17 shown in the document entitled "Amended Claims".

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to remove the multiple dependent claim to avoid the surcharge.

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Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP COPY OF THE PREVIOUS CLAIMS

5. An assembly according to [any one of claims 1 or 2] claim 1, characterized in that the electric starter motor (3) has power ranging from 5 HP to 15 HP.

7. An assembly according to [any one of claims 1, 2, 5, or 6] claim 1, characterized in that the main electric motor (2) has power of approximately 50 HP.

8. An assembly according to [any one of claims 1 – 7] claim 1, characterized in that the electric starter motor (3) is coupled to the main electric motor (2) by means of a rotation axle (4).

9. An assembly according to [any one of claim 1 – 7] claim 1, characterized in that the electric starter motor is coupled to the main electric motor by means of a pulley.

10. An assembly according to [any one of claims 1 – 7] claim 1, characterized in that the electric starter motor is coupled to the main electric motor by means of a gear.

16. A method according to [any one of claims 11 – 15] claim 11, characterized in that the main electric motor is actuated just before reaching the nominal rotation.

17. A method according to [any one of claims 11 – 15] claim 11, characterized in that the main electric motor is actuated right after reaching the nominal rotation.

AMENDED CLAIMS

5. An assembly according to claim 1, characterized in that the electric starter motor (3) has power ranging from 5 HP to 15 HP.

7. An assembly according to claim 1, characterized in that the main electric motor (2) has power of approximately 50 HP.

8. An assembly according to claim 1, characterized in that the electric starter motor (3) is coupled to the main electric motor (2) by means of a rotation axle (4).

9. An assembly according to claim 1, characterized in that the electric starter motor is coupled to the main electric motor by means of a pulley.

10. An assembly according to claim 1, characterized in that the electric starter motor is coupled to the main electric motor by means of a gear.

16. A method according to claim 11, characterized in that the main electric motor is actuated just before reaching the nominal rotation.

17. A method according to claim 11, characterized in that the main electric motor is actuated right after reaching the nominal rotation.